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COLCHESTER CHURCH EXPLOSION INVESTIGATION

On 09/10/04 at approximately 6:45 am, witnesses reported to Connecticut State Police Troop K, that an explosion had occurred at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church located at 178 Linwood Ave, Rt. 16, in the town of Colchester. The Colchester Resident State Troopers Office along with local Fire and EMS personnel, instantaneously responded and began efforts to ensure that the immediate area surrounding the church, could be declared safe. An investigation ensued and State Police Detectives assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, working with the local Fire Marshal, also responded to ascertain the cause and origin of this explosion. The scene is being secured as a crime scene to assist fire services, which is standard protocol, as State Police Major Crime Detectives continue to preserve and collect evidence at the scene. At this time, there are no reported injuries and everyone has been accounted for.

The case is active and under investigation. Anyone with any information or anyone who might have witnessed this explosion is asked to contact the Connecticut State Police at 860-537-7500.

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